

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are currently pending in the application. No claims have been amended, canceled, or added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

The specification was objected to for certain informalities. In response, Applicant has amended the specification to include Application Serial Numbers as suggested in the Office Action.

Claim 21 stands objected to for what the Office Action refers to as confusing language. Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant does not understand the objection to claim 21. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner provide further explanation regarding the objection to claim 21.

Claims 1-4, 7, 11-12, and 20 stand rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-6, 9, 12-35, 43, 49, 57, and 60 of U.S. Patent No. 6,611,259 to Tillgren et al. ("Tillgren"). In response, Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer under 37 CFR § 1.321(c). Applicant respectfully requests that the double-patenting rejection of claims 1-4, 7, 11-12, and 20 be withdrawn.

Claims 1-8, 13-15, and 20-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,652,412 to Lazzouni et al. ("Lazzouni"). Lazzouni appears to be directed to an information recording apparatus for use with paper having a prerecorded pattern of pixels associated with a writing surface. Applicant respectfully submits that Lazzouni fails to teach or suggest at least one of the features of independent claim 1, namely, a processor for identifying a detected portion of an address pattern as being within an electronic reading device configuration area. In addition, Lazzouni fails to teach or suggest converting position data received from a reading sensor into a configuration setting.

In Lazzouni, each of the pixels contains encoded, optically readable position information that identifies an absolute coordinate position on a writing paper. The information recording apparatus includes a pen to write on an encoded paper. A position of a pen tip is

determined by reading the pattern of pixels and storing the position information in a recording unit.

The Office Action appears to have equated a recording unit for receiving position information from a detecting means and for storing the position information of Lazzouni with an electronic reading device configuration area as in claim 1. In various embodiments of the present invention, the configuration area represents certain areas of an address pattern as setting areas to customize a configuration of the electronic reading device. The configuration settings may include such information as a URL or IP address for use, a time out setting, or any other setting or configuration information. In contrast to claim 1, in Lazzouni, the recording unit coupled to a pen records a position of a pen tip on a writing surface. There is no teaching or suggestion by Lazzouni of an electronic reading device configuration area. Additionally, Lazzouni fails to teach or suggest converting position data received from a reading sensor into a configuration setting. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 distinguishes over Lazzouni and is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 as anticipated by Lazzouni is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 2-8 depend from and further restrict independent claim 1 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 1, dependent claims 2-8 distinguish over Lazzouni and are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 2-8 is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that Lazzouni fails to teach or suggest at least one of the features of dependent claim 6, namely, handwritten information entered in a field of an electronic reading device configuration area that corresponds to a configuration setting. In Lazzouni, the information recording apparatus includes a pen to write on an encoded paper. A position of a pen tip is determined by reading a pattern of pixels and storing the position information in a recording unit. Lazzouni is silent with respect to a configuration area and configuration settings. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claim 6 as anticipated by Lazzouni is respectfully requested for this additional reason.

Independent claim 13 is directed to a system for initializing an electronic reading device. Applicant respectfully submits that Lazzouni fails to teach or suggest at least one of the distinguishing features of independent claim 13, namely, a processor for translating detected portions of an address pattern into at least one alphanumeric character. In Lazzouni, a recording unit coupled to a pen records a position of a pen tip on a writing surface. Additionally, Lazzouni is silent with respect to initializing the electronic reading device as recited in claim 13. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 13 distinguishes over Lazzouni and is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 13 s anticipated by Lazzouni is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 14-15 depend from and further restrict independent claim 13 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 13, dependent claims 14-15 distinguish over Lazzouni and are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 14-15 is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 20 relates to method for configuring an electronic reading device. Applicant respectfully submits that Lazzouni fails to teach or suggest at least one of the features of independent claim 20, namely, determining that at least one detected position relates to an entry of configuration data. In addition, Lazzouni fails to teach or suggest converting at least one detected position into a configuration setting and storing the configuration setting.

The Office Action appears to have equated a recording unit for receiving position information from a detecting means and for storing the position information of Lazzouni with at least one detected position relating to the entry of configuration data as recited in claim 20. In various embodiments of the present invention, the configuration data helps customize a configuration of the electronic reading device. The configuration data might include such information as a URL or IP address for use, a time out setting, or any other setting or configuration information. In contrast to claim 1, in Lazzouni, the recording unit coupled to a pen, records a position of a pen tip on a writing surface. There is no teaching or suggestion by Lazzouni of configuration data and for converting detected position into a configuration setting. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 20 distinguishes over Lazzouni and is in condition for

allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 20 as anticipated by Lazzouni is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 21-22 depend from and further restrict independent claim 20 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 20, dependent claims 21-22 distinguish over Lazzouni and are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 21-22 is respectfully requested.

Claims 9-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lazzouni as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,990,875 to Bi et al. ("Bi"). Claims 9-12 depend from and further restrict independent claims 1 and therefore also distinguish over Lazzouni. In rejecting claims 9-12, the Examiner has further applied Bi. Applicant respectfully submits that Bi fails to cure the deficiencies of Lazzouni noted above with respect to independent claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 9-12 distinguish over the cited combination of Lazzouni and Bi and respectfully requests that the rejection thereof be withdrawn.

Claims 16-19 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lazzouni as applied to claim 13 above, and further in view of Bi. Claims 16-19 depend from and further restrict independent claims 13 and therefore also distinguish over Lazzouni. Claim 23 depends from and further restricts independent claims 20 and therefore also distinguishes over Lazzouni. In rejecting claims 16-19 and 23, the Examiner has further applied Bi. Applicant respectfully submits that Bi fails to cure the deficiencies of Lazzouni noted above with respect to independent claim 13 and 20, respectively. Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 16-19 and 23 distinguish over the cited combination of Lazzouni and Bi and respectfully requests that the rejection thereof be withdrawn.

Claims 24-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lazzouni in view of Bi. Independent claim 24 relates to a system for unlocking an electronic reading device. Applicant respectfully submits that the cited combination of Lazzouni and Bi fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious at least one of the features of independent claim 24, namely, a first processor for translating detected portions of an address pattern into a data entry.

In addition, the cited combination of Lazzouni and Bi fails to teach or suggest a second processor for comparing the data entry to a stored user identifier and for enabling the electronic reading device if the data entry corresponds to the stored user identifier.

The Office Action concedes that Lazzouni does not explicitly teach the comparison of a data entry with a stored user identifier. Bi relates to a pen-based computer system device and more particularly to a pen-based computer system with a digitizer that utilizes a passive stylus input device. The system emulates standard two-button mouse functions by generating data packets corresponding to the x-y coordinates of the stylus for each pen-down event. Bi discloses comparing a password with a log-in password stored in a memory. However, the password entered in Bi is entered using a keyboard and not an electronic reading device by translating detected portions of an address pattern into a data entry. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 24 distinguishes over the cited combination Lazzouni and Bi and respectfully requests that the rejection thereof be withdrawn.

Dependent claims 25-28 depend from and further restrict independent claim 24 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 24, dependent claims 25-28 distinguish over Lazzouni and are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 25-28 is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited combination of Lazzouni and Bi fails to teach or suggest at least one of the features of dependent claim 27, namely, a data entry and a stored identifier representing a handwritten signature. Lazzouni is silent with respect to a data entry and the stored user identifier. Bi discloses comparing a password with a log-in password stored in a memory. However, the password entered in Bi is entered using a keyboard that does not correspond to a handwritten signature. Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claim 27 distinguish over the cited combination of Lazzouni and Bi and respectfully requests that the rejection thereof be withdrawn.

Independent claim 29 relates to a method for unlocking an electronic reading device. Applicant respectfully submits that the cited combination of Lazzouni and Bi fails to teach or suggest at least one of the features of independent claim 29, namely, converting a plurality of

detected positions into a data entry. In addition, the cited combination of Lazzouni and Bi fails to teach or suggest comparing the data entry with a stored user identifier and enabling the electronic reading device based on the comparison.

The Office Action concedes that Lazzouni does not explicitly teach the comparison of a data entry with a stored user identifier. Bi relates to a pen-based computer system device and more particularly to a pen-based computer system with a digitizer which utilizes a passive stylus input device. The system emulates standard two-button mouse functions by generating data packets corresponding to the x-y coordinates of the stylus for each pen-down event. Bi discloses comparing a password with a log-in password stored in a memory. However, the password entered in Bi is entered using a keyboard and not the electronic reading device by translating detected portions of the address pattern into the data entry. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 29 distinguishes over the cited combination Lazzouni and Bi and respectfully requests that the rejection thereof be withdrawn.

Dependent claims 30-32 depend from and further restrict independent claim 29 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 29, dependent claims 30-32 distinguish over Lazzouni and are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 30-32 is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited combination of Lazzouni and Bi fails to teach or suggest at least one of the features of dependent claim 31, namely, a data entry and a stored identifier represent a handwritten signature. Lazzouni is silent with respect to a data entry and the stored user identifier. Bi discloses comparing a password with a log-in password stored in a memory. However, the password entered in Bi is entered using a keyboard which does not correspond to a handwritten signature. Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claim 31 distinguishes over the cited combination of Lazzouni and Bi and respectfully requests that the rejection thereof be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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